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My fellow citizens: I want to take this opportunity to report on the conclusions which this Government has reached on the basis of yesterday's aerial photographs which will be made available tomorrow, as well as other indications, namely, that the Soviet missile bases in Cuba are being dismantled, their missiles and related equipment are being crated, and the fixed installations at these sites are being destroyed:.....

The United States intends to follow closely the completion of this work through a variety of means, including aerial surveillance, until such time as an equally satisfactory international means of verification is effected.

While the quarantine remains in effect, we are hopeful that adequate procedures can be developed for international inspection of Cuba-bound cargoes. The International Committee of the Red Cross, in our view, would be an appropriate agent in this matter.

The continuation of these measures in air and sea, until the threat to peace posed by these offensive weapons is gone, is in keeping with our pledge to secure their withdrawal or elimination from this Hemisphere. It is in keeping with the resolution of the OAS, and it is in keeping with the exchange of letters with Chairman Khrushchev of October 27th and 28th.

Progress is now being made towards the restoration of peace in the Caribbean, and it is our firm hope and purpose that this progress shall go forward. We will continue to keep the American people informed on this vital matter.

Thank you.

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Since last Sunday afternoon, Soviet personnel have been dismantling the missiles and equipment at the MREM and IRBM bases in Cuba and destroying the fixed installations. This is being done in pursuance of undertakings given by Chairman Khrushchev. We are informed by the representatives of the Soviet Government that the missiles and equipment have either been, or ^are being, moved to seaports and that they will be returned to the Soviet Union as soon as shipping is available.

We are closely following and confirming the progress of this work through systematic air surveillance, and we shall continue to conduct this ^{such} surveillance until satisfactory international arrangements to verify the removal of these offensive weapons have become fully

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effective. This ~~is necessary to assure that this threat~~
~~to the security of the Western Hemisphere is promptly~~
~~eliminated~~, in keeping with the resolution of the
Organization of American States demanding the "immediate
dismantling and withdrawal from Cuba of all missiles and
other weapons with offensive capability."

Meanwhile, the quarantine now in force will be continued
in order to prevent the introduction of new offensive
weapons. However, Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. McCloy
have made it clear to representatives of the

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Soviet Union that the quarantine will be ~~ended~~ as soon
as a satisfactory substitute procedure for inspecting
cargoes bound for Cuba has become fully operational. The
United States has agreed to a Soviet suggestion that in-
spection of such cargoes might be carried out on behalf
of the United Nations by the International Committee of the
Red Cross. Arrangements to this end are now being examined
and we hope that they can be put into effect promptly.

These measures are necessary steps in the fulfilment
of the undertakings between President Kennedy and Chairman
Khrushchev embodied in their exchange of letters of October
27 and 28. The United States is not prepared to have
extraneous issues, such as United States treaty rights with
respect to Guantanamo, injected into the discussions related
to the carrying out of these undertakings.

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Statement - Cuban Situation - Dismantling of Missile bases.
November 2, 1962.

I want to take this opportunity to report on the conclusions which this Government has reached on the basis of yesterday's aerial photographs, which will be available tomorrow, as well as other indications -- namely, that the Soviet missile bases in Cuba are being dismantled, their missiles and related equipment are being crated, and the fixed installations at these sites are being destroyed.

The United States intends to follow closely the completion of this work

through a variety of means, including aerial surveillance, until such time as an

equally satisfactory international means of verification is effective. ^{Urgent further} The American ~~to remain in effect~~ ~~we are hopeful that adequate procedures can be~~ ~~naval quarantine will also continue until fully adequate substitute procedures for~~ ~~developed for international inspection of~~ ~~inspecting Cuba-bound cargoes are in operation.~~ The International Committee of the Red Cross, in our view, would be an appropriate agent of the ~~United Nations~~ in this matter.

The continuation of these measures at air and sea, until the threat to ~~affirmative weapons~~ peace posed by ~~these missiles~~ is gone, is in keeping with our pledge to secure ~~the withdrawal or elimination of these missiles from this Hemisphere.~~ It is in keeping with the resolution of the OAS; and it is in keeping with ~~my~~ exchange of letters with Chairman Khrushchev of October 27 and 28.

Progress is now being made toward the restoration of peace in the Caribbean; and it is our firm hope and purpose that this progress shall go forward. ^{help the Americas} I will continue to report to the American people on this vital matter.

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I want to take this opportunity to report on the conclusions this government has reached on the basis of aerial photographs which will be available tomorrow and other indications -- namely, that ~~all~~ of the Soviet missile bases in Cuba are being completely dismantled, their missiles and related equipment are being crated for return to the Soviet Union, and ~~all~~ fixed installations at these sites are being destroyed.

The United States intends to follow closely the completion of this work, through a variety of means, including aerial surveillance, until such time as an equally satisfactory international means of verification is effective. The American naval quarantine will also continue until fully adequate substitute procedures for inspecting ships for imminent violation of the禁制区 are in operation. The International Committee of the Red Cross, in our view, would be an appropriate agent of the United Nations in this matter.

The continuation of these measures at air and sea until the threat to peace posed by these missiles is gone is in keeping with our pledge to secure the withdrawal or elimination of these missiles from this Hemisphere. It is in keeping with the resolution of the OAS; and it is in keeping with my exchange of letters with Chairman Khrushchev of October 27 and 28. The restoration of peace in the Caribbean, which now appears to be underway ~~apparently~~ offers new hope for our otherwise troubled world.